

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
NORTH FORK RANGER DISTRICT**

**OCCUPANCY AND USE ORDER
(For Public Safety & Resource Protection)**

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited on the roadway described in this Order, within the administrative and proclaimed boundaries of the North Fork Ranger District, Salmon-Challis National Forest. This Order will be in effect until further notice.

1. Camping or possessing camping equipment on the roadway. **36 CFR 261.58(e).**
2. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire on the roadway. **36 CFR 261.52(a)**
3. Parking or leaving a vehicle in violation of posted instructions. **36 CFR 261.58(g)**

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Camping is permitted in turnouts that do not impede a travel lane.

AREA DESCRIBED:

The segment of the Salmon River Road, also known as National Forest System (NFS) Road #030 that begins at the Junction with Highway 93, Salmon-Challis National Forest, located in T 23 N, R 19 W, Section 17, North Fork, Idaho and ends at Corn Creek, T 23 N, R14 E, Section 01, North Fork, Idaho. This segment of Road is approximately 45 miles long.

The above described Road is within the proclaimed and administrative boundary of the Salmon-Challis National Forest.

DEFINITIONS:

Roadway – that portion of the traffic way improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, excluding the berm or shoulder.

Camping – means the temporary use of National Forest System Lands for the purpose of overnight occupancy without a permanently-fixed structure. Camping also includes the presence of camping equipment whether or not the site is continually occupied by campers.

PURPOSE:

The Salmon River Road experiences high public use. Traffic Control is necessary in this narrow road corridor to provide for public safety and to maintain access for emergency vehicles.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.
2. A map identifying the closure area is attached and made part of this Order.
3. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals, and \$10,000.00 for organizations and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].
4. Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order. Other travel restrictions identified in the Salmon-Challis Motor Vehicle Use Map will remain in effect.
5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Salmon-Challis National Forest Supervisor's Office (208-756-5100) in Salmon, Idaho and the North Fork Ranger District Office (208-865-2700) in North Fork, Idaho.

Done at Salmon, Idaho this 10th day of March, 2015.



CHARLES A. MARK

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Salmon-Challis National Forest

Order Number: 04-13-15-117

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

Salmon River Occupancy and Use Special Order

1. **Background:** Over the past several years, local Law Enforcement, Emergency Response Personnel and residents of the Salmon Area have identified safety hazards and severely impeded travel conditions on the Salmon River Road. The increased popularity of Sport Fishing and recreation on the Salmon River has led to traffic congestion and increased incidences of behaviors such as camping on the Roadway. Such camping behaviors have included placing campfire rings in the center of the Roadway and extending camp trailer pull-outs and stairs into lanes of traffic. Personnel with past experience have also identified damage to the Roadway Surface due to people digging down into the Roadway to level their camp trailers.

The 45-mile Segment of Salmon River Road described in this Order provides access to private inholdings, businesses, day use, as well as overnight campgrounds.

The Salmon River Road is the primary access road to the Corn Creek Boat Launch. This Boat Launch is popular and experiences heavy use. This Boat Launch is tended daily by Forest Service Staff.


Radio coverage and cell phone reception are not available in many locations downriver. Communications are poor at best in other locations; making ingress and egress to sites along the Salmon River Road imperative to public and employee safety.

2. **Intent of Subpart B Order:** NFS #030 is the primary access to the Corn Creek Boat Launch. From observation of past high public use, the potential risks to the public, and vehicle access problems, it has been determined that these restrictions must be implemented.
3. **Enforcement Plan:** A cooperative effort will be accomplished by personnel from the Forest Service LE & I, Forest Protection Officers, Lemhi County Sheriff's Department and Idaho Department of Fish and Game Conservation Officers. Educational efforts will include: Press Releases, Signage on the Salmon River Road near the Junction of Highway 93, Signage along the Salmon River Road, and Public Contacts made by Forest Service, Lemhi County Sheriff, and Idaho Department of Fish and Game Officers. Officers will initiate enforcement of this Order with education in effort to gain voluntary compliance. Meetings have been held between the Forest Service, Lemhi County Sheriff's Office, and Idaho Department of Fish Game regarding consistent enforcement

efforts. Cooperating Agencies agree that enforcement must include informing and educating the public.

Action	Action Plan	
	Responsible Official	Date
Prepare Proposed Order	Amanda Schramm LE&I	02/26/2015
Review Proposed Order	Gerald Youngblood, LE&I	03/06/2015
Review by	R4 LE&I and OGC	03/06/2015
Approve Proposed Order	Forest Supervisor	When Signed
Post Order in Accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff/LEO	Dependent on Season
Implementation: Patrol Area per Item #3	LEOs, FPOs, Lemhi County Sheriff, and Idaho F & G	Ongoing

Assessment and Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:


3-10-2015
CHARLES A. MARK Date
Forest Supervisor
Salmon-Challis National Forest